

Student Info

Zachary Bailey (0000214923)

Gender: Male **Age:** 19

High School: Maple Mountain High

1077 E. 3300 N.

North Ogden, Utah

County: Utah

Rural Location: Yes

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$1250

Need: **Low Income/Need**

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 27

ACT English: 27

ACT Math: 32

ACT Reading: 25

ACT Science: 24

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

Since I was very young, I knew that I had potential for education well beyond a common high school diploma. Through my younger years, I've been committed to preparing myself for higher education and earning a professional degree. I have been driven to always do the very best I can at everything I do. My dad always told me, "If a job is worth doing, it's worth doing right." This is a motto that I live by, and it applies now to my education... "It's worth doing right!" Having the financial need that I do, I am ever grateful for the generosity of individuals and foundations that offer scholarships such as this, and I appreciate the opportunity to apply. It could make the difference in my pursuit to obtain the professional degree I have always dreamed of.

Ever since I can remember, I have been very interested in toys and games that allowed me to think outside the box and use my creativity and intellect; Legos, K'nex, Linkin Logs, you name it. These types of toys were the things that interested me the most; more than any toy gun or tractor ever did. I liked using my brain. These habits and interests have really expanded as I have grown older and matured into the person I am today. Legos and building blocks eventually turned into tools, computers, and other electronics, and my passion for problem solving and engineering concepts continued to develop. Now, in my second year of schooling here at Snow College, I have taken several courses that apply directly to my four year degree in mechanical engineering. With each progressing year of my education, I have been privileged to fill my schedule with as many engineering and science related classes as possible. In high school, these courses have included everything from woodworking and welding, all the way to a rigorous, highly selective set of engineering courses known as Project Lead The Way (PLTW); in which I demonstrated much promise and excelled greatly. High school courses eventually led to more tasking, and far more complex courses here at Snow. I have worked hard to make the most of every semester here at Snow. I have been very careful to take only the most useful and applicable courses for my future, and I have worked very hard to take in as much information and knowledge as possible.

In my first two years at Snow College, I have strived to learn and grow in new ways that weren't possible in high school. It has been a privilege to surround myself with others who seek a common goal of furthering our education, propelling ourselves toward a bright future. I have excelled to the best of my abilities in each of my math, science, and engineering courses, and I am enthusiastic and excited to continue on, always striving to be the best that I can be.

During my time thus far at this school, I have gone out of my way to take not only classes that will advance me towards my degree, but also others that will push me to improve, learn, and grow in ways that are new and challenging to me. Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, and numerous engineering courses have all been a great start to my college education. Hopefully my ACT score of 27, and my 3.5 cumulative GPA reflects my willingness to work hard and absorb the knowledge I am offered, even under such strenuous courses. I have never been one to shy away from a class just because it is difficult or requires a lot of work. Instead, I take the best classes for me while keeping my future in mind.

I see college as much more than just getting a degree; it's an important stepping stone to get my foot in the door of bigger prospects. I understand that learning opportunities and a college education are the things that will further my career and open up lifelong Opportunities.

Not everything in my life has always been easy. At a young age, my dad fell into addiction, which resulted in a broken family and an eventual divorce. Things were tough for me at times, but I always figured out a way to make it through without lowering my standards or letting my beliefs falter. Although the whole process was extremely difficult and trying, I wouldn't change a thing. All of the trials and tribulations that I have been faced with in my life have built me up and made me stronger than I ever could have been without them. Over the years, I have gotten pretty good at taking challenges and turning them into growth opportunities. Seeing my dad go through addiction has also strengthened my resolve to avoid any sort of actions that could put me in a similar situation; I have learned from his mistakes. My dad has now overcome his troubles, and things are better now, but my family hasn't been in the same financial situation as we once were. We get by just fine, but my parents simply don't have the resources to pay for my college tuition, and that is why I need this scholarship so badly. Like I previously stated, I am not afraid of hard work, and no matter what it takes, I am determined to put myself through college. Although it is far from ideal, I will go to school in the day and work at night if that is what it takes.

I have always seen the importance in keeping busy with wholesome and engaging activities, and have done everything I could to stay busy with character building activities and programs like team sports and youth groups. I have been the captain of multiple club volleyball teams and my high school basketball team. These, and other leadership positions in youth groups, have helped in my development as a leader, and have prepared me for future leadership positions in life, family, career, and religion.

Individually and as a part of youth groups, I have been able to practice service for my community, my fellow neighbors, and individuals in need. I love the feelings that come with service. I genuinely enjoy giving to those in need, and it warms my heart when I am able to help someone else with something they were in need of.

As someone having family roots in Sanpete, and direct Pioneer heritage with the area, I am grateful for the opportunity to attend Snow College and live in Sanpete County. I have many family members that

are Snow College Alumni. Snow College has provided a solid foundation that has brought great success in each of their lives. I am excited to continue this tradition to better my life and contribute to a better society and world.

As I begin a new chapter of higher education, I again thank you for the opportunity to apply for your scholarship. Opportunities for financial assistance, such as this, make possible my lifelong aspirations of higher education and pursuit of a professional engineering degree, of which I am confident that I can use in achieving my full potential. Thank you.



Alvah & Myrtle Fitzgerald Scholarship

Student Info

Katherine Brough (0000230174)

Gender: Female **Age:** 18

High School: Timpanogos High

1672 N 850 W

Orem, Utah

County: Utah

Rural Location: No

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$18445

Need: Low Income/Need

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 23

ACT English: 21

ACT Math: 22

ACT Reading: 30

ACT Science: 24

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

Throughout my life I never questioned the need to further my academic progress. It always seemed like I had enough and would never need to ask for more since my parents provided a comfortable life despite it not being the classic "Disney fun family" life. As I began middle school and high school however, it became apparent that I didn't want to have to rely on my parents for my every need. With a love for learning I quickly realized that it would not only take lots of hard work but also money to make any passion or dream into a reality. Once I realized this it became my goal to try to become more independent and be able to stand on my own two feet for lack of better words. Unfortunately my siblings didn't provide a good example so I'm left floundering in the waters that is life. I'm the first out of seven in my family to leave the nest and risk going elsewhere for the things I want to learn and create. That's how I ended up here, to not only learn more but to prove my potential as someone who is more, but to also be able to learn to live on my own two feet. I've been blessed these last years with wonderful teachers that have taught me to push my limits. The world is filled with so much light and possibilities that I can't help but be anxious for what I'll come across and what I'll learn from others who have experienced so much.



Alvah & Myrtle Fitzgerald Scholarship

Student Info

Talavou Fitisemanu (0000206178)

Gender: Male **Age:** 20

High School: Timpview High

4122 W Oak Road N

Cedar Hills, Utah

County: Utah

Rural Location: No

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$3847

Need: **Low Income/Need**

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: Yes

Academics

ACT Composite: 21

ACT English: 14

ACT Math: 26

ACT Reading: 22

ACT Science: 22

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

Talavou M. Fitisemanu III

November 11th, 2020

Letter of Introduction

As a child I was lucky to spend part of my childhood living on the beautiful island of Samoa. This is where my father's side of the family is from, and my mother's side is from the pacific island of Tonga. I have been blessed with the opportunity of being raised in a household that values our Polynesian culture and heritage, a culture that is all about family, service, and respect. Being a young polynesian man with goals to transfer to a four year university, Snow College is helping to prepare me for the next steps in life.

I come from a family of seven, including my parents and I. Me and my siblings are second generation immigrants from the pacific islands. I am happy to have moved to the United States for the opportunity at a better education. Taking advantage of education is something my family holds to a high priority.

With a brother at the University of Stanford, my sister graduating from the University of Utah looking to go to Princeton for her graduate program, my other sister just starting at Harvard University, and my youngest brother finishing highschool, it is clear we care about our learning. Myself attending Snow College, a junior college, is a choice I too stand fully behind and am proud to hold! Because this is where my dreams have led me.

Now this is no flashy ivy league school filled with connections to guarantee a six figure salary for the rest of my life, but it is a treasure to me. It is providing me with the opportunity to play the sport I love and chase a dream of playing in the NFL, and this is something money can't buy. My goal here at Snow College is to graduate a 4.0 student with an associate's degree and transfer to a Division 1 program

on a full-ride football scholarship by the Spring of 2022. This goal of resetting my GPA to a 4.0 will also help aid me in my qualifications for my future university.

As a psychology major looking to get their master's in sport psychology, my goal is to become a Certified Mental Performance Coach (CMPC). A job that requires an understanding of the competitive sport world, Snow is helping me to gain the experience and knowledge needed to be an effective CMPC. Not only playing football at Snow, but to be taught by great professor's that aid in my growing understanding of the field of study is a blessing.

Living in the islands has helped me realize the great blessing of education provided here in America. Yet throughout high school I did not always see the importance of a formal education. It was not till last year I realized the magnitude of an opportunity I have to not only go to college, but to look at leaving with at least a Master's Degree. It was during my time living in Australia on a service mission for my church, taking time away from school and sports, where I realized even clearer the opportunities I have always had. And since then, I am not taking my education for granted.

As a student-athlete and with only one parent who currently holds a job, I am left to my own opportunities to pay for college. I plan on paying for college through financial aid, private scholarships, and working. Since I am eligible for FAFSA money, I plan on applying for it every semester. This helps lighten the burden of paying for school. On top of that, by maintaining a 3.7 and above in my courses while being a well rounded student, I will be applying for as many private scholarships that I can. Not only academic scholarships but ones that involve other aspects of my life! Lastly I do work on the side, so with a job as well, I can also help pay for my schooling. So overall I through government aid, scholarship money, and working on the side, this is how I will be paying for school. So by receiving financial help through scholarships, it will give me more time to grow my skills and less time and stress worrying about money paying for bills and fees. Skills in art, sports, business, and all fields I will be learning and excited to expand my knowledge and application in.



Alvah & Myrtle Fitzgerald Scholarship

Student Info	Student Need	Academics
Andrew Gordon (0000159660) Gender: Male Age: 24 High School: Manti High 190 E 400 S Ephraim, Utah County: Sanpete Rural Location: Yes	FASFA Completed: Y Total EFC: \$4384 Need: Low Income/Need First Generation: No Single Parent: No NJCAA Sport: No	ACT Composite: 27 ACT English: 26 ACT Math: 28 ACT Reading: 27 ACT Science: 26 ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Software Engineering major returning full time at Snow College for the 2021-2022 school year. My academic goals include, but not limited to, a Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering, engineering department activity involvement, and computer science related internships.

After Snow College I would like to work for a local Utah company in software and further my education in a masters degree in machine learning. As I have more time available next semester, I also plan on being very involved in student government and activities planning for the student body. I have recently completed some work for my local community creating a means of categorizing gravesites and uploading them for public use.

A scholarship would be very valuable for me to fund my continued education. It would allow for more focus on my schooling, as I am currently funding my own education and will be as I continue my academic endeavors.

Thank you for your consideration,

Drew Gordon

Student Info

Logan Howe (0000231794)

Gender: Male **Age:** 17

High School: Ridgeline High School

261 S 325 W

Providence, Utah

County: Cache

Rural Location: Yes

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$17682

Need: **Low Income/Need**

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 24

ACT English: 22

ACT Math: 25

ACT Reading: 27

ACT Science: 20

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

Since I was about six I knew that my mind worked differently than others. I remember asking my mom if I was adopted because I knew that I thought, acted, and responded differently than my siblings. My mind races and I like to find different, faster, and easier ways to learn and solve things. I am fascinated by graphics, the work process behind them and enjoy art as well as music. I can do math problems in my head and I can not remember a time when I was not able to harmonize to music.

Having a brain that works non-stop has its ups and downs. I struggled early on in school because my thoughts seemed much more interesting than what was being taught. My mom would tell me to listen to what she is saying and not what I was thinking. I had to work hard to train my brain to stay on task. I learned to sit at the front of the class and to work with others in groups to get perspective on what they learned in case I missed something. I also struggled to recognize social cues. In fact, when I was 15 I somehow had a date for Valentine's day and didn't realize it. I just thought I was going to a movie on a Thursday with a friend. In middle school, I struggled with teachers and what in my mind were inconsistencies with how they handle situations. One teacher was so frustrated with me that she asked my mother to have me tested for attention deficit disorder. I do not have ADHD. I know because I finished the most boring test in the world multiple times. The test for ADHD is meant to be so boring that no one who had the disorder would finish. During my testing, the doctor diagnosed me with high functioning Asperger's. Yep, my mind works differently and now I know why but so do several famous people's minds. Isaac Newton, Thomas Jefferson, Bill Gates, and Jerry Seinfeld are a few. My mind like those listed above works outside the box.

It took me a while to figure out how to be successful in school though. My grades were not bad but I knew early on that I would not be receiving academic scholarships and would need to pay for my schooling. My brother is also in college right now and my parents are not able to pay for either of us. I got a job at 15 and began saving. In my senior year, I have been focusing on taking mostly college classes to find a more affordable way to obtain a degree. My parents make too much for me to qualify for FAFSA.

I have saved enough for tuition but will need additional funds to help with housing and food. I am determined to get a college education. My unique brain can think of things not many can because their brains do not go there. I am determined to use this gift to help me and others.

So, what does my mind like and how do I use it to be successful. I have a fascination with animation and want to focus there. Yeah, I know what you are thinking, "another boy who likes video games". I won't lie, video games fascinate me. I also like animated movies. When Spiderman, Into the Spiderverse, came out I would watch it over and over, sometimes frame by frame. Have you noticed how animation has started showing up in different areas? For visual learners animated teaching videos stimulate their minds and are being used more and more often. Especially in online education. Commercials are starting to bring in many types of animation to market items. My brother-in-law recently had an assignment to design a mechanism and used animation to make a 3-D rendering of it. Medical surgeons are using animation to practice surgeries and use robots to perform surgeries with better precision.

My fascination with animation is based on what my mind perceives as limitless opportunities and uses. Also, it gives me the ability to show people what is going on in my head that is pretty entertaining.

I appreciate you considering me as a candidate for your scholarship.

Sincerely,

Logan Howe



Alvah & Myrtle Fitzgerald Scholarship

Student Info	Student Need	Academics
Yaxin Lan (0000225770) Gender: Female Age: 21 High School: Wasatch Academy Snow College Student Mail Center Ephraim, Unknown County: Unknown Rural Location: Yes	FASFA Completed: 0 Total EFC: \$0 Need: No Need First Generation: Yes Single Parent: No NJCAA Sport: No	ACT Composite: 0 ACT English: 0 ACT Math: 0 ACT Reading: 0 ACT Science: 0 ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

Because I always knew how lucky I was to have the opportunity to study abroad, I have been very diligent in completing the class works required by the teachers and always listened carefully in classes. Every day after school the first thing I did when I returned to the dorm was to finish the homework assigned by the teachers. At first, because of my learning habits from China, I strictly followed the textbooks and didn't have much interest in extracurricular life. Then, gradually, I joined the school's ceramic class, printmaking class, yoga class, basketball team. The tuition fees for these courses in China are very expensive. I didn't even dare to dream about taking these courses when I lived in China. I loved them! On our school's International Day, I wore my country's traditional clothing, cooked Chinese food, and tasted the food of other countries. I helped in the school community garden. On annual school trips, I climbed to the top of the horseshoe mountain then back to campus with the last bus.

My learning experience in China has taught me a lot of knowledge in books, and mathematics has become one of my best subjects after I came to the U.S. However, my learning experience at the Wasatch Academy taught me things books can not teach me. I can not simply learn how the clay is shaped on the wheel, how deep my gouge should go on the plate, how ujjayi can help you open your body, and team cooperation will experience the victory and failure that I encounter elsewhere in life. I can not learn about other cultures from books. I can not understand that sense of achievement after climbing the mountain from reading. All of these valuable life experiences that Wasatch Academy brought to me, and let me know that learning is not just learning from reading textbooks. These experiences also made me unconsciously full of expectations for my future. It made me feel that I still have many undiscovered possibilities. It made me braver to try new things.

The funds will help me to learn more while in Snow College and

Student Info	Student Need	Academics
<p>Hannah Lutes (000226893) Gender: Female Age: 22 High School: Ged 85 North 100 West Ephraim, Utah County: Sanpete Rural Location: Yes</p>	<p>FASFA Completed: Y Total EFC: \$939 Need: Low Income/Need First Generation: No Single Parent: No NJCAA Sport: No</p>	<p>ACT Composite: 0 ACT English: 0 ACT Math: 0 ACT Reading: 0 ACT Science: 0 ALEKS: 0</p>

Applicant Essay

Hannah Lutes

Badger Id # 00226893

Up until I was seventeen I didn't draw, I couldn't draw. But one day I had a Newton "Aha" moment. I don't know what first got my attention but I suddenly realized, art was not as complicated as I thought it was. It was simply shapes and lines put together to create a picture, like a puzzle. I got a pencil and a paper and instead of looking at the drawing as a whole picture like I had previously done, I looked at the lines and the shapes and I drew Scooby Doo. I was amazed, I was ecstatic and it was because I took something that was impossible in my mind and I made it possible. Art is a world of unexpected knowledge, and the more I learn of it the more in awe I am of it. "A picture is worth a thousand words" I can't say anything that would explain the beauty and wonder I have for art better than this quote.

Previously I have put a pause on my education to find out what I actually wanted. When I graduated high school I didn't know what I wanted, so I simply took the next logical step that everyone was telling me to do. I went to college. And while taking random classes is educational and fun, without a direction I was simply spinning my wheels. I thought putting a pause on my education till I figured out what I wanted was a smart decision. But since becoming a Mother I've realised that the time is now, I have to finish my education. There will never be a perfect time for school, especially if I want to accomplish it before I have any more beautiful children. And finishing will be tough but now I have a why.

Why do I wish to receive an education for myself? For the knowledge that I can do hard things like being a fulltime Wife and Mother while pursuing an education and if I were ever to become a single Mother it would better enable me to provide for myself and future children. My career goal is to be a Wife, Mother and Homemaker using my education and all the skills I learned while getting it to better support my Husband, and to become a more understanding and knowledgeable Mother while making our home one of learning and beauty.

Thank you to all those that support all the students who have dreams like mine and all the students with far grander dreams. who wish to make their world a better, more beautiful place by gaining an education. Am I a Thomas Kinkade or a Leonardo Da Vinci? Absolutely not, but one day I could be. Or I could be raising one and not even know it till he has his own "Aha" moment.

Student Info

Katelin Monson (0000231099)

Gender: Female **Age:** 17

High School: Wasatch High

1075 E 1040 S

Heber City, Utah

County: Wasatch

Rural Location: Yes

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$2774

Need: **Low Income/Need**

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 24

ACT English: 24

ACT Math: 26

ACT Reading: 22

ACT Science: 24

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

Good morning! Or at least, I hope it's morning when you read this, otherwise my greeting will be a bit awkward. My name is Kate Monson, and I am going to tell you why it would be a fantastic idea to sponsor my writing career via scholarship.

My writing is my own. Every research paper, character, or novel chapter is a creation of my imagination and my relentless efforts. I want my educational path to be my own, too. A scholarship would help me improve my independence greatly as I don't want to rely on my parents for money. You see, I am the oldest of seven children, and paying for each of their college tuitions is not feasible. I have spent 4 years saving for college, but do not have nearly enough saved.

You may rightly be wondering why I deserve a scholarship. My goal has always been to be able to attend college without it being a burden to my parents. Because of this, I have worked various jobs my entire 4 years of high school, taken concurrent enrollment classes, and focused on becoming a service-minded individual; including a variety of leadership positions.

Being a leader can be exhausting; if you have younger siblings, you'll likely understand. However, my experiences have strengthened me and my ability to focus on accomplishing my objectives more efficiently and skillfully. One of my proudest leadership achievements was directing the one act play, *Cheating Death*, at Wasatch High School during my junior year. Through this experience I learned how to problem-solve for groups and think on my feet. These skills are similar to ones I learned while participating in leadership conferences with the 4-H community, and while serving as the only young adult board member for a community-based service organization, Modern Woodmen - Wasatch Chapter.

But what good would all these experiences be if I didn't do anything with them? As I said before, I want to be independent, and because of such, I've had numerous jobs to provide a personal income since middle school, ranging from nannying, working on a railroad, and being a rotating-manager at a local restaurant. However, despite all my hard work, I still need help. This scholarship would be a tremendous

help. Sadly, not many artists are greatly rewarded for their work. Most famous writers are not widely recognized. I want to have the money and support needed to pursue my educational goals so my stories will come to life and inspire others to see countless worlds. And more than that, I want to bring imagination and wonder to everyone.

In short, I want to be an writer. Will you help me?

Student Info

Berkley Peterson (0000217757)

Gender: Female **Age:** 19

High School: Gunnison Valley High

355e 300 S

Gunnison, Utah

County: Sanpete

Rural Location: Yes

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$10487

Need: **Low Income/Need**

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 21

ACT English: 26

ACT Math: 19

ACT Reading: 25

ACT Science: 22

ALEKS: 16

Applicant Essay

My name is Berkley Peterson and I am a current freshman at Snow College. I attended Gunnison Valley highschool where I was involved in basketball, volleyball, tennis, FFA and cheer. Some of my achievements are I was the sterling scholar in 2020 for trade and technical education, awarded academic all state both basketball and tennis, won 2nd place at state for doubles in 3A tennis, won't 2nd at state for FFA in food science, won state in 2 proficiency areas in FFA, maintained a 4.0 for all of highschool and my first semester of college continuing into my 2nd semester right now. I have always considered myself a hard worker both in school and in careers. I always strive to do my best and work to achieve it. I have always pushed myself to do my best and get good grades. I have also had lots of leadership opportunities with being a captain on sports teams, being an FFA officer, being the president in my local young women's church groups, being in the relief society presidency here at snow and etc.

I have had many jobs that have taught me hard work in my life. My dad taught me to work hard since I was young and it has stuck with me. Some jobs I have had over the years include working with my dad doing cement and construction, doing concessions at the baseball fields, doing field maintenance at the highschool baseball and softball fields, working for Gunnison City, worked for the Gunnison Valley Mayor doing landscaping and reffed basketball games. Right now I currently work as a TA for a professor named Sandra Cox at Snow College. For a future career I want to go into education and I have also entertained the idea of doing nutrition. I want to help people around me and do something I love. I am very interested in going into elementary education because I love to work with kids and it is something I have always wanted to do. I have been working as a sub for the elementary schools, middle schools and high schools in districts close to me. I have enjoyed working in the elementary school environment a lot and think it would be a very fun career choice for me. Right now my plan is to become a elementary school teacher and help teach children.

I have worked hard over the years to save for college and further my education. However, college still costs a lot of money. This money would help me further my education to be a teacher and move on to a

bigger college after my years at Snow to keep me going towards my goals in education. I consider myself a hardworking, responsible and qualified student for this scholarship who would appreciate the opportunity to receive it and would use the money to further my education.



Alvah & Myrtle Fitzgerald Scholarship

Student Info

Serena Smith (0000207827)

Gender: Female **Age:** 18

High School: North Sanpete High

11019 E 16200 N

Mount Pleasant, Utah

County: Sanpete

Rural Location: Yes

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$4975

Need: Low Income/Need

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 27

ACT English: 32

ACT Math: 25

ACT Reading: 29

ACT Science: 23

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

If I were to receive this scholarship, its funds would go towards helping me pursue creative writing. Having written creatively from the age of nine, I have had the opportunity to write fiction for some time and have since written a full novel, and I am a few short chapters away from completing my second novel. I hope to finish my associate's in arts from Snow College by the spring of next year. Once finished with Snow College, I plan to transfer to a four-year college and get my bachelor's in English with a Creative Writing Emphasis and then try for a Master's in English so that I can pursue a career as both an author and an editor, which are both careers I would love to have. Loving numerous genres of both writing and editing, I would love the opportunity to study English as much as I can. Unfortunately, at this time I have two other sisters also going for degrees, and due to this, my parents are struggling to provide all the financial means necessary for all three degrees. Any money that would go towards helping me complete my goals would be greatly appreciated.



Alvah & Myrtle Fitzgerald Scholarship

Student Info

Hannah Snow (0000212535)

Gender: Female **Age:** 17

High School: North Sanpete High
21000 N 12400 E Aspen Hills Drive
Fairview, Utah

County: Sanpete

Rural Location: Yes

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$9231

Need: **Low Income/Need**

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 21

ACT English: 20

ACT Math: 19

ACT Reading: 21

ACT Science: 23

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

My name is Hannah Rebecca Snow. I am currently a senior at North Sanpete High School. I will graduate in the Spring and plan on attending Snow College on the Ephraim campus this fall. I have a cumulative grade point average of 3.8 and am a member of the National Honors Society. I look forward to being able to expand my knowledge through education so that I have the opportunity to help support my family when the time comes. An education at Snow College will allow me to work towards a career that I am considering so that I am able to contribute to the community around me. I have had many experiences that have shaped me into the person I am today. This small community that I have lived in my whole life and the experiences I have learned from have been essential to why I want to attend Snow College.

Growing up I have always had a deep-rooted belief in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The teachings of my religion have taught me loyalty, compassion, endurance, and many more positive attributes. While going throughout my life, this has had an enormous impact on how I want to conduct my life and how to help those around me. Not only does my religion teach me how to be kind, strong, and loving but it has also taught me how to serve those around me. Service is explained by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as, "...willing to bear other people's burdens and to comfort those who need comfort...". Last year, I went to a care center to visit the elderly and paint their nails. Many of the elderly at this care center had nails that were not taken care of. Some were even to the point of being uncomfortable for them. To my surprise, half of the elderly that got their nails painted were men. I thought that the elderly men would have just wanted their nails to be trimmed and taken care of, but they stayed longer and decided to have their nails painted. I pondered back and wondered why these men would have wanted their nails painted. I realized as I talked to many of the elderly that they did not have many visitors. Most of them did not necessarily want their nails to be cleaned up and painted, they just wanted someone to talk to and someone to listen. I was glad that I was able to serve and comfort the elderly. It will always be an experience that I will reflect on. My intention with these funds is to seek opportunities like this where I can serve and comfort those who need it.

While no one can escape the heartaches of life, it is always rewarding to fight through those battles and come out stronger than before. While I have battled with depression in the past, seen the effects of addiction, and lost many dear loved ones, I have realized that in these times it is most important to always be kind and forgiving because you never know how suddenly things can change or what someone may be going through. One occurrence that has had a significant impact on my life includes the time when my family and I could have lost our lives. My mother, now an alumni of Snow College, decided to go back to school to become a nurse in the year 2016. We moved out of my childhood home and lived with my grandparents for a few months to help save money for her expensive schooling. During this time at my grandparent's house, I woke up in the middle of the night from my body convulsing and I had a massive headache. Unbeknownst to me and my family we had carbon monoxide poisoning. I soon learned that if I had not woke up that night none of my family members in that house would have survived. We went to the hospital by ambulance that night. It was a miracle that I woke up because I had the highest levels of carbon monoxide. My dad who was at work would have had to mourn the death of his wife, three children, and parents-in-law. It was a huge eye opener to never take what I have for granted. I hope that these life experiences will give me the tools I need to be successful at Snow College, with these positions, that I can take my knowledge and help others along their journey.

I believe that through my experiences and knowledge I will be able to contribute to Snow College and the community and the different opportunities that are available. Not only do I believe that I can contribute to Snow College, but I believe that they can also help me grow and teach me many important lessons for my future.

Student Info

Karlie Strickland (0000221299)

Gender: Female **Age:** 17

High School: Manti High

64 West 100 South

Ephraim, Utah

County: Sanpete

Rural Location: Yes

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$0

Need: **Low Income/Need**

First Generation: Yes

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 13

ACT English: 10

ACT Math: 15

ACT Reading: 13

ACT Science: 13

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

I always wanted to help people; and to study how people think the way we do and why we act out the way we do. I would love to study in psychology, to help kids by being a therapist. Growing up I always had someone coming to me to talk or I check on them when I can tell something is wrong. My parents got a divorce when I was 8 years old. I had to grow up faster than all the other kids my age. I had to learn how to cook, clean and to do laundry. I had to help my three younger siblings with all their homework, before I could even do mine. Sometimes I wasn't even able to finish my homework, because I had to help my siblings with their homework, do all their laundry, and I had to even put them to bed after I made dinner for them.

Everything was my fault to my parents, the divorce. I always had to pick a side and no matter what I chose I would get in trouble and yelled at. My depression grew and I felt like I was alone. I don't want any kid to go through what I went through. I want to help people, and help kids. This is my passion to help people. I would enjoy helping kids who have been trafficked.

I've done beauty pageants for four years, my platform is "Breaking The Silence On Human Trafficking." I'm really passionate about this topic and I love to educate myself and my community on this topic. I hosted an education class on human trafficking. On July 24, 2020 I hosted a Fundraiser 5K for O.U.R (Operation. Underground. Railroad.) I raised over 5,000 dollars, I was able to save two kids. I want to continue helping kids, who are coming out of the darkness.

Student Info

Abigail Transtrum (0000223134)

Gender: Female **Age:** 18

High School: American Fork High

9 East 1380 North

American Fork, Utah

County: Utah

Rural Location: No

Student Need

FASFA Completed: 0

Total EFC: \$0

Need: **No Need**

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: Yes

Academics

ACT Composite: 26

ACT English: 23

ACT Math: 24

ACT Reading: 30

ACT Science: 25

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

A Whole New World

In Plato's "Allegory of the Cave," prisoners are depicted as being chained from head to toe in a cave. Behind the prisoners lies a fire that projects shadows onto the opposing wall. These prisoners spend their lives watching the shadows, believing them to be real. It isn't until one man breaks free and escapes the cave, that he realizes the shadows are fake. He had discovered a whole new world that existed outside of the darkness. Upon his return to the others, he was blinded by the light of the real world. The other prisoners saw his blindness and only feared what was out there. Despite being centuries old, this allegory has meaning in today's world. The prisoners lived their whole lives in ignorance of what lies outside of the cave. The chains are symbolic of things that hold us back from learning, growing, and experiencing life's adventure. We all have chains that hold us back. Whether it's fear of the unknown or selfish ambition, these chains hold us back from the highest level of education.

In my personal life, I am afraid of change. I am comfortable where I am. This is my chain. My process of enlightenment has been held back by this restraint that keeps me from having the freedom to learn. It takes vulnerability to identify what your chain is and decide to break loose. Plato says, "The power and capacity of learning exist in the soul already; and that just as the eye was unable to turn from the darkness to light without the whole body, so too the instrument of knowledge can only by the movement of the whole soul be turned from the world of becoming into that of being." My soul has this earning to learn of what's outside my cave. I crave this light that shines brighter than anything else. Today I am deciding to take a step outside of my cave to explore the whole new world that is beyond my bias, pride, ignorance, comfort, and self ambition. It is time for me to shove the cultural narrative out of my mind and hold life in the palm of my hands.

My name is Abigail Transtrum, and I am 18 years old. I was born and raised in American Fork, Utah. I've grown up in a bubble or you could even say a cave, unaware of what the world holds. Education is my way out. Just like any other person, I am full of dreams, ambitions, and hopes. One of them being Law

school. The moment I decided I wanted to go to Law school was when a dear friend from my childhood was thrown into a world of court, policemen, lawyers, and pain. Her mother was abusive and neglected her. The day Sam moved in with my family was the day I decided I had to do something meaningful with my life. I saw the impact lawyers had in her life, and immediately was drawn towards that. I stood waiting outside of courtrooms and law firms with a heavy heart. I would think to myself, "If I could just change one child's life." This situation popped my bubble and opened my eyes, jump starting my goal to go to Law School. I plan on majoring in Psychology and minoring in human development before attending Law School. Following Law School, I would like to focus on Family Law.

One of my favorite excerpts is Martin Luther King's letter from Birmingham Jail. He speaks of justice and injustice. As members of a society that is full of both, we either support the oppressed or the oppressor. King says that the silence of good people does just as much harm as the hateful words of bad people. Change doesn't happen because of silence, change happens when we scream until we are heard. Sam's lawyers were her voice. They defended her in court and made sure that she was supported. The world is constantly being changed by the decisions we make. The reason I love this address is that it can be applied to our world today more than ever. The world can't afford to stay ignorant. People can no longer remain chained and silent. It is going to take a leader to make the world a better place.

I have played soccer for 9 years, I am currently a captain on the Snow College Women's soccer team. I am a designated leader who represents my team. My voice is their voice. Because of this opportunity, I have been able to develop attributes that will help me not only develop as a player and teammate but as a person. A good captain leads by example, works hard, puts the team first, and is positive. These are attributes that define a person who is willing to stand up and make a difference. I want to be a voice for those that cannot speak. I want to defend those that are too hurt to defend themselves. I want to scream louder than I ever had to change this world. The light doesn't scare me, it only intrigues me. This is the world that lies outside of my cave and today is the day that I take my first step into my dreams, hopes, and ambitions.

Student Info

Ailin Vilches arguello (0000225601)

Gender: Female **Age:** 19

High School: Instituto Inmaculada

150 College Ave E

Ephraim, Unknown

County: Unknown

Rural Location: No

Student Need

FASFA Completed: 0

Total EFC: \$0

Need: **No Need**

First Generation: Yes

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 0

ACT English: 0

ACT Math: 0

ACT Reading: 0

ACT Science: 0

ALEKS: 54

Applicant Essay

My name is Ailin Vilches and I am from Buenos Aires, Argentina. First of all, I think it is important to highlight that I have decided to come to study at Snow College because they offered me a great opportunity to continue growing both personally and academically by enriching myself with all the opportunities and diversity that are offered. I want to study journalism and international relations because I believe that information and knowledge is the most powerful tool that societies have and what gives them the potential to change the world that is around them. In this way, I consider it essential to give a voice to all people so that we can be aware of the world in which we live and have the capacity for critical thinking.

Regarding the academic scholarship, I believe that the funds will help me pursue my career and dreams by giving me the opportunity to continue developing my skills and learning by being part of an environment of growth and excellence. The academic scholarship will help me greatly to cover tuition costs and taxes, while through campus jobs I can strive to cover additional expenses. I am confident that I can successfully meet my goals through a combination of effort, perseverance, and consistency. For this reason, I would be deeply grateful if I obtain an economic aid that in coordination with work and study I will make it worthwhile.



Alvah & Myrtle Fitzgerald Scholarship

Student Info

Sienna Volkert (0000232405)

Gender: Female **Age:** 17

High School: Weber High

2087 W 700 S

Ogden, Utah

County: Weber

Rural Location: No

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$77

Need: Low Income/Need

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 17

ACT English: 19

ACT Math: 14

ACT Reading: 17

ACT Science: 17

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

For this scholarship, it would help me because I have always been interested in family and genetics. I have always wanted my parents to be foster parents but they said they would after all her kids move out. So I wanted to be something like that, but I want to help the foster kids find loving homes and having this scholarship would really help to be able to learn how to help people and children in need. I want to learn how to save money effectively and willingly. Having this scholarship would really help with my tuition for after and to save more money and progress with the foster and adoption children.

Student Info

Maddison Warren (0000220222)

Gender: Female **Age:** 18

High School: Salem Hills High

648 S 950 E

Salem, Utah

County: Utah

Rural Location: Yes

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$7876

Need: **Low Income/Need**

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 25

ACT English: 24

ACT Math: 24

ACT Reading: 23

ACT Science: 28

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

I have decided to continue my lifelong dream and pursue my education in becoming an Elementary teacher. I've grown up in Salem Utah living on a hay farm. From a young age I have been taught how to work. I have taken this motto and I've applied it to my education. Throughout highschool I received a 4.0, and my first semester at Snow I did the same. I am working hard to do the same this second semester. This year I will graduate from Snow College in May with my Associate's of Science. After attending Snow, I am going on a full time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints. After my mission I plan on transferring to Utah State University to begin their Elementary Education program. In doing so, I will receive my professional license from the Utah State Board of Education which will certify me to teach K-6th grade. Being someone who loves math, I want to get my math endorsement so if the opportunity opens, I can teach math up to 8th grade. After obtaining my license I want to get into the classroom as soon as I can. I plan on teaching for several years, and then going back to school to receive my masters in education.

To prepare for my life long career, in high school I was able to join Nebo School District's first ever district club, Educators Rising. I was able to lead as the club's president. This taught me how to become a better teacher and leader. I was able to plan and carry out club meetings and service activities. For the club we chose to make our slogan, "It all begins here, imagine what we can do." We chose this because that is what teachers do, they teach kids life lessons that impact them in the present and the future. I chose to line my educational goals to this quote as well. I have done all that I can in highschool, getting a 4.0 GPA, being a part of many clubs like Educators Rising but also, National Honor Society and Dance Company so I can prepare to become a good educator.

This year I have loved my time at Snow. I have been involved in many of the teaching classes with professors who have shown their care and knowledge. I have joined many clubs that have taught me how to communicate well with others. I'm forever grateful for Snow College and I will take all of the knowledge

that I've learned into my classroom someday. This scholarship would make it so I can better my career and help fulfill my dream of becoming an educator.

Student Info

Hannah Zedicher (0000211942)

Gender: Female **Age:** 17

High School: Manti High

142 S 100 W

Ephraim, Utah

County: Sanpete

Rural Location: Yes

Student Need

FASFA Completed: Y

Total EFC: \$537

Need: **Low Income/Need**

First Generation: No

Single Parent: No

NJCAA Sport: No

Academics

ACT Composite: 0

ACT English: 0

ACT Math: 0

ACT Reading: 0

ACT Science: 0

ALEKS: 0

Applicant Essay

My name is Hannah Zedicher. I was born in Seattle, Washington as a 2-month premature baby. I weighed 2 lbs, 16 oz at birth. My family moved to Ephraim, Utah when I was 18 months old. I think it was an amazing place to grow up! I currently attend Manti High School and I'm graduating a year early, May 2021. I played volleyball for all three years of high school and really enjoyed it. I am very passionate about physical fitness and wellbeing. I love instructing people about fitness and healthy eating. Being in the outdoors is something I really enjoy such as hiking and soaking up the sun. At school, I am currently involved in a club called Upward Bound which is run through Snow College. Upward Bound motivates me to keep my grades up and has been a great way for me to make new friends and be a leader. I take responsibility for helping plan events and service projects My college plan is to finish my Associates of Science at Snow College and then move on to a University.

I am currently employed at Golden Skyline Assisted Living in Ephraim as the activities coordinator. I plan events, games, crafts, and holiday fun for the residents of the facility. I genuinely enjoy working at Golden Skyline. It is not only fun, but it helps me hone my social and creative skills while helping others. I love to learn, teach, and write. This will be very helpful in a humanities-based career. Funds to learn what I need to in order to help others learn would make it possible for me to achieve my goals of educating or editing papers.

I also am employed by SunRay Family Counseling Center for janitorial services. I am a very organized person and I love to clean up and make sure everything is sanitized for my employees and all the clients. These skills will definitely help me in my future jobs and education with my peers, professors, employers, and employees. I do well in school, having maintained higher than a 3.9 GPA throughout all of high school and junior high.

I am a very involved person in my church and in my community. In June of 2019, I had the opportunity to attend a mission trip to Spokane, Washington where Catalyst Youth Group of Ephraim Church of the Bible went to serve. I and 10 other high-schoolers were able to serve food at and deep

clean a homeless shelter. Along with this, we cleaned up the yard of an elderly woman, helping with landscaping. We also met with a sex-trafficking awareness organization to be educated on the major issue it is. I have been a Bible camp counselor for elementary and junior high students for multiple years and it is a joy to see youth grow and have fun!

Education is important to me because it is a privilege that not everyone has. It is an opportunity that is not to be taken for granted. I love to learn and expand my knowledge and I wish I could know everything right now. However, learning is a wonderful process and a journey that I really enjoy. I do my best to learn the most I can from every situation, not only learning what is being taught but learning discipline, deadlines, and other helpful life lessons.